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## HENDERSON MOB LYNCHES NEGRO

While the Jailer Is Held a Prisoner.

HAD VIOLATED A WHITE GIRL  
Deed Done So Quietly Few  
Knew About It Until  
Sunday's Dawn.

### QUICK ACTION AFTER ARREST

Henderson, Ky., Nov. 28.—Early on the Sabbath morning a mob took Ellis Buckner, a negro, from the jail and swung him to a willow tree on the bank of the Ohio river, not three blocks away. Buckner was charged with detaining against her will Miss Kate Hardin while on her way home from work Friday night.

So quietly did the mob accomplish its work that not even the police were aware anything had happened until the victim was swinging to a limb.

It was shortly before 2 o'clock when Jailer Abel was called from his room and informed that Buckner was to be hanged. In vain did the jailer plead for the prisoner. Five husky men with masks over their faces walked into the corridor and compelled Deputy Grayson to unlock the door.

After the negro was delivered the mob went to the corner of the jail yard and then walked across Central square south, where the hanging took place. Not a sound was heard from any member of the mob, which numbered about thirty men.

To a reporter Mr. Abel made the following statement:

"My wife called me shortly before 2 o'clock and said someone was rising the door bell. Thinking that maybe Alva Gibson, who is related to my wife, was dead and I was wanted, I went downstairs with only my night clothes on. As I opened the door two men pushed their feet inside to prevent it being closed. One man said they had 'come for that negro.'

"I said: 'Men, you are not going to have him for that offense, are you?' He replied that they were and that while it was not their purpose to harm anyone about the jail, yet they would have the man at any cost. He said: 'You need not make a noise, as we have the building guarded on every side and from top to bottom.'

"I then asked if I could get back into the house, as I was standing on stone with my bare feet. One said: 'Yes, if you will make one promise and that is that you will stay in the building and will not in any way attempt to prevent our getting the negro.' This I promised to do, stepped back and closed the door.

"I walked to the rear door and looked out. I saw two men there. I went to another door and started out, when two men, one with a gun and the other with a revolver, ordered me back. I then thought I would slip out at the side door and get to police headquarters. When I started out two men reminded me I had promised to remain in the building. As the five men were leaving the jail office with Buckner I slipped across the porch to the rear door of the deputy's room. One of the men saw me and remarked that I had better keep quiet."

Mr. Abel said he was prevented from using the telephone.

The coroner's jury, after hearing the evidence, returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find the body before us to be that of Ellis Buckner, and that he came to his death at the hands of persons unknown to us."

Peace and quiet prevailed in the city when the dawn broke and persons were apprised of the fact that a hanging had taken place during the early morning.

After accomplishing its purpose the mob disbanded as quietly as it had formed. Not a sound was heard in the city, and no one would have suspected a tragedy had been enacted during the dark hours. The men wore masks over their faces, made of handkerchiefs from the oven down, and their hats were pulled low.

It was after 4 o'clock before any

information about the affair leaked out.

The crime for which Buckner was lynched was atrocious. He was charged in a warrant sworn to by Miss Kate Hardin, with detaining a female against her will. Miss Hardin, who is bookkeeper at the Kentucky bakery, made the following statement when seen by a reporter this afternoon:

"I left the bakery about twenty minutes before 7 o'clock. As I was walking up Elm street to my home I passed the negro at the bridge on Fourth street. No sooner had I passed than he arose and walked along behind me. When I was near the alley between Fourth and Fifth streets, the negro grabbed me by the throat and dragged me into the alley. I gave three loud screams before he shut off my breath. He said to me, 'If you scream any more I'll fix you so you will not scream again.'"

"He then put his hands over my mouth and prevented me making any further noise. He held me to the ground and tore open my coat. About that time Mrs. Henry Robinson, who lives nearby and had heard my screams, opened the front door, and the negro jumped up and ran down the alley. I went to the power plant, across the street and called for the police. Before he left me the negro kicked me three times and broke my umbrella over my head. He got my ring and muff, but I knew he was not trying to rob me. I lost my scarf pin while in the scuffle."

Miss Hardin said she had seen the negro several days during the week as she was on her way home.

### MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE OF UNIDENTIFIED MAN

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 29.—A man who had registered at the Phoenix Hotel as Otto Myers, Detroit, Mich., committed suicide in his room at the hotel some time Sunday by shooting himself in the right temple.

He left no papers on his person and had carefully torn trademarks from his clothing as to prevent identification. It is believed that the name he registered under is a fictitious one. The trademark in his hat, however, had been overlooked and this bore the stamp, "New Carlin, Made in England, Bannock Bros. Imported by Truly Warner." In a wallet in his pocket was \$31 in bills. On a table was an undressed note: "I am sick in mind and in body. People in my condition I think are better off dead. Do not try to notify my folks, as I wish to spare them any trouble. Put what little money I have left to best advantage. Good-bye."

The dead man was about 26 years old, weighed about 140 pounds, had dark hair and Roman nose, was well dressed and had a fifteen-jewel Swiss gold watch.

### PANAMA EXPOSITION CLOSES OUT THIS WEEK

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—The Panama-Pacific Exposition has entered the last week of its existence and, according to the official program, it will be one of the biggest in the exposition history. Continued interest in the big show was emphasized by the report to-day that the attendance yesterday exceeded 165,000. The two big events of the week will be a prosperity ball to be held Wednesday night and a celebration which will extend through the week of the triumphs of electricity.

It is planned to have closing day, December 4, celebrated throughout the world, by a chain of toasts to be exchanged by radio, telegraph and cable. A big military pageant is on the program and salutes will be fired from the harbor forts and from the warships in the bay. The public schools have been closed for the week to give teachers and pupils opportunity to attend the exposition.

### Many Jews Fighting.

Geneva, Nov. 29.—A Swiss officer states in the Journal de Geneve that the armies of the belligerent countries contain about 510,000 Jews. England has 20,000, Germany 50,000, Austria-Hungary 170,000, Russia 350,000, and Serbia 25,000.

The British army has a volunteer corps which consists exclusively of Jews and is commanded by Jewish officers in Hebrew. This corps was formed from Zionist colonies who fled to Egypt from Palestine. Last spring the corps was sent to the Dardanelles and it won high praise from Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton by its gallant conduct.

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## BRITISH BAN ON TOBACCO LIFTED

Shipments May Now Be Made To Neutrals.

### KENTUCKY WEED IS AFFECTED

A Big Impetus To Trade By Foreign Demand Is Now Seen.

### THE KENTUCKY CROP TO MOVE

Washington, Nov. 27.—Great Britain has yielded to the American representations for removal of all restrictions on the shipment of tobacco to neutral consignees in neutral countries. Word of this reached here to-day from the American Embassy at London. The Netherlands Government also has removed similar restrictions.

The British embassy to-day sent the following message to Secretary Lansing:

"The foreign office informs me that the British Government agrees for the present not to interfere with the cargoes of tobacco shipped to neutral countries, and states that in these circumstances tobacco in all its forms destined for Holland will no longer be required to be consigned to the Netherlands Overseas Trust."

The removal of the British restrictions, protested against by representatives of tobacco producing States, relieves a situation which resulted in overstocking of the tobacco warehouses. Scarcity of ships to handle the product and high freight rates now confront tobacco shippers.

### B'g Effect Seen Here.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 29.—Tobacco men of Louisville and the State are greatly pleased with news received Saturday from the American Embassy at London announcing Great Britain and the Netherlands Governments have removed all restrictions on the shipment of tobacco to neutral countries, interpreting it as meaning German and Austrian markets will be reopened to millions of pounds of Kentucky tobacco now stored in warehouses in the State and at sea ports.

It was expected Great Britain would yield to the demands of American representations relative to removal of restrictions on tobacco shipping and average prices on Kentucky tobacco have experienced a general advance of 25 per cent. during the last sixty days in anticipation of free and open markets. Kentucky buyers, shippers and exporters have been especially active in the organized movement of American tobacco men who brought great pressure to bear in their efforts to remove the embargo on tobacco.

The announcement from London Saturday is interpreted here as meaning the ports of Holland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark will be reopened to unrestricted tobacco shipments, whence the product will find its way into Germany, Belgium and Austria. The latter countries always have been, until the beginning of the European war and England's subsequent imposition of trade restrictions, the principal market for millions of pounds of dark tobacco grown in Western Kentucky.

The lifting of the restrictions on the tobacco trade naturally will create a new foreign demand for the product and lend impetus to the trade here. With the expected improvements in shipping facilities, it is believed millions of pounds of Kentucky tobacco now stored in warehouses at New Orleans, Mobile, Norfolk, Baltimore, Newport News and New York soon will be en route to European markets. Tais congestion along the seaboard resulted because exporters who bought the product during last year have been unable to ship to foreign markets, where there is a demand for Kentucky and Tennessee tobacco. A recent statement issued by the Government shows there was a 97,000,000-pound shortage in tobacco exports during the past year.

As soon as the accumulation of tobacco begins to move from American ports the crop stored in Kentucky warehouses, estimated at 12,000,000 pounds, also will be shipped, thereby bettering conditions here and the outlook for the coming

crop. Most of this estimated 12,000,000 pounds is in the warehouses of Western Kentucky, the hub of the dark tobacco trade. Congestion of tobacco in Louisville as a result of inability to ship to foreign countries has not been keenly felt.

What resumption of the foreign tobacco trade means to prices here has been reflected in the general advance during the last two months. Common tobacco which formerly sold at from 4 to 5 1/2 cents a pound, now brings prices ranging from 5 to 7 cents. Whether prices will continue to advance after a steady flow begins into foreign ports will depend on competitive prices quoted by other countries which ship tobacco to Holland. Java is one of the United States' chief rivals in supplying Rotterdam and Amsterdam with tobacco.

### OHIO COUNTY COUPLE

#### WED AT AN EARLY HOUR

Rockport, Ind., Nov. 26.—Ellis Baize and Miss Oia Simpson, a young couple from Ohio county, Ky., got an early start in their matrimonial career here yesterday when they were married in the County Clerk's office at 3 o'clock in the morning.

The couple drove all the way from their homes, near Hartford, in an auto, reaching the Kentucky bank of the Ohio river a little after 1 o'clock. After being ferried across they awakened Deputy Clerk Langley from his troubled dreams of roast turkey and dressing and got a license. Then they endeavored to arouse Esq. Snyder from his slumbers and after considerable effort succeeded in getting his honor on the scene, rather sleepy, but still capable of tying the knot.

At 3:30 o'clock they recrossed the Ohio and started on their long trip back to where, as the bridegroom expressed it, they would "face the music." The blushing bride, just as the ceremony was completed, said that this would be the "Thankful Thanksgiving" they ever spent.

### MRS. GRAHAM WAS FRIED OF COMPLICITY CHARGE

Elizabethtown, Ky., Nov. 26.—The charge of complicity in the murder of Sheriff R. T. McMurtry, of Hardin county, against Mrs. Mary E. Graham was dismissed here in the Circuit Court by Special Judge J. T. Hanberry. Insufficient evidence was developed to sustain a charge.

Mrs. Graham was arrested after her son, the late Turner Graham, who has since paid the penalty in the electric chair, had shot Sheriff McMurtry. It was charged that at the time the officers were seeking Turner Graham at the Graham home, Mrs. Graham, when asked if her son was hiding in a garret at the home, answered, "Go up and see."

The Sheriff was killed by Turner Graham as he was climbing a ladder to the garret. Graham was sought at the time for killing James E. Woods, a postman at Upton, when the latter came to the assistance of the town marshal who was trying to arrest him.

### BLIND MAN SHOTS GIRL AS HE HOLDS HER HAND

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 27.—Albert Wakefield, of Bessemer, 22 years old, totally blind, called Miss Ruby Walthall from prayer meeting at North Birmingham to-night, naked her to shake hands, fired a bullet through her breast and then shot himself. He is dead and Miss Walthall is in a serious condition.

Wakefield hired an ambulance in Bessemer to take him to North Birmingham, saying he wanted to bring back a sick friend. He sent the driver into the church to call out Miss Walthall. He then told her he had taken alcohol with something in it and had come to tell her good-bye. She laughed and said he was joking, but he insisted on shaking hands. Then he fired.

### Spark From Pipe Fatal.

Ashland, Ky., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Eliza Gullett, who came here about six months ago from Salersville to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dan Shultz, at Pollard, just outside of this city, was burned to death to-day. She was sitting in the yard smoking when sparks from her pipe set fire to some leaves then her clothes catching fire. Her body was burned almost to a crisp before her daughter could reach her. She was 50 years old.

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## U. S. SUBMARINES FAILURE IN TEST

To Defend Coast When 1,000 Miles Out.

### THEY CANNOT HOLD THEIR OWN

In Rough Seas—Type Likely To Be Abandoned For Larger Craft.

### EASILY DODGED BY "ENEMY"

Washington, Nov. 27.—Abandonment of the present coast defense type of submarine, seventy of which have been built or are building, in favor of larger seagoing submarines may be recommended by the Navy Department as a result of lessons learned during the recent maneuvers of the Atlantic Fleet, and unofficial information concerning the size of underwater craft now in service in Europe.

There are now indications, it was said to-day, that the United States is lagging in submarine development, even with one 1,000-ton submersible nearing completion and two of 1,300 tons soon to be ordered. Navy officials have been impressed by the apparent probability that a submarine of approximately 1,500 tons and measuring 250 feet in length has been engaged in the warfare against allied merchantmen.

Reports on the fleet maneuvers, it has just become known, tell of the difficulties encountered by the twelve little submarines attached to the blue force commanded by Admiral Fletcher and defending the coast against a theoretical enemy.

The boats were at sea several days and encountered continuous rough weather. While no unexpected mechanical troubles were encountered, the personnel of the vessels suffered extremely from seasickness, had improper food and the continual buffeting they received in the pitching and rolling. To impairment of the efficiency of the crews by seasickness alone many minor mishaps to the boats are said to be attributable.

The maneuvers included the first attempt to employ the submarines, all of the coast defense type and none displacing more than 800 tons, at nearly 1,000 miles off shore.

The general scheme of defense flows that distance at sea, as the zone within which coast submarines should be able to operate in any weather. Should an enemy succeed in reaching within a hundred miles, or so, of the coast, it is argued by some officers, he would be able to guard his fighting force with a screen of mine sweepers, destroyers and aeroplanes which would render the chances of attacking his capital ships uncertain. Far at sea, however, the screen could not be maintained.

For the purposes of the maneuvers, Admiral Fletcher placed his submarines in reserve, ready to strike north or south, as the movements of the "Red" hostile fleet, 1,200 miles off shore, might necessitate.

One of the twelve boats was unable to reach its station, as it would not steer properly in the rough weather. The other eleven, battered down tight for days at a time and with water pouring over them day and night, carried out their orders.

Later, the "Blue" Commander discovered that his "Red" enemy was sweeping to southward. He ordered the submarines south to intercept the fleet. An indication of the troubles encountered is given in the fact that it took six hours to convey this order to one of the submarines.

Finally, the flotilla started southward, but was able to make less than half the speed required to bring it to its appointed station on time.

Navigation was accomplished only by dead reckoning, for, with their vessels closed up and tumbling about, the officers could not verify their positions.

They were fifty miles or more out of position at the conclusion of the trip, and the "Red" transports and convey swept through the breach they left to land an "army" on American soil.

While no definite recommenda-

tions have been made, the question of the value of a submarine as small as the present type for coast defense work is being seriously considered.

### REDUCTION RATES TO STANLEY'S INAUGURATION

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 25.—Reduced rates on all railroads for the inauguration of Governor-elect A. O. Stanley have been granted, good coming to Frankfort December 6 and 7, and returning December 9. The transportation committee announced to-day that the round-trip rate will be 3 cents the mile, plus 25 cents. The round-trip fare to Frankfort will be \$1.90 from Louisville, \$1.10 from Lexington, \$1.90 from Richmond, \$1.45 from Paris, \$2.95 from Bardonia, \$3.55 from Cincinnati, Covington or Newport, \$6.20 from Henderson, \$5.20 from Owensboro and \$8.65 from Paducah.

If the plans of the inaugural ball committee are carried out the ball will be notable. The committee hopes to secure permission for the use of the State capitol, the spacious corridors and marble stairways of which would afford a magnificent setting for the scene; the receiving line could stand in the State reception room, and the other big rooms would accommodate all who desired to dance. If the permission is secured several orchestras will be engaged.

In the past hundreds have been turned away, while the floor has been so crowded that none could dance.

### "GOD SENT ME HERE, SO GUESS I WILL GO BACK"

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 27.—Ruth Camilla Fischer, 11 years old, killed herself to-day by shooting because she had been told by her playmates that she was not the real daughter of the ones she had thought to be her parents. She was the adopted daughter of Emil Fischer, a member of the School Board at Cicero.

The Fischers adopted the child at the age of two years after having secured a position in Colorado for the mother. The name of the father was never revealed. They kept the facts of her birth from the child for ten years.

A few months ago her playmates who had heard their parents talk about it, began to taunt her with her parentage. "God sent me here and I guess I'll go back to Him," she said on one occasion.

### LEAPS 10,000 FEET TO TEST A NEW PARACHUTE

London, Nov. 27.—Colonel Maitland, of the Royal Naval Air Service, jumped with a parachute to-day from an aeroplane which was 10,000 feet in the air. He landed safely.

Colonel Maitland has been experimenting with projected developments of the aerial service, and arrived at the point where it was necessary to determine whether an airman could land safely by parachute from such a height.

"Someone has to do it," he said. "There is only one person I care to ask. I will make the attempt myself."

It took the Colonel 15 minutes to make the descent, but he solved his problem satisfactorily.

### SLAYS ATTORNEY WHO DEFENDED HIM AT TRIAL

Batavia, O., Nov. 27.—Fred Trump, after being convicted in Common Pleas Court here to-day of setting fire to his barn, went to the office of former Probate Judge T. P. Breeding, who had defended him throughout the trial, shot Breeding and then tried to kill himself. Breeding died to-night and Trump is not expected to live.

### Fatal Dreaming.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 29.—Coroner Fortmeyer believes that Louis Kaiser, Jr., twenty-nine years old, was dreaming when he arose from bed to-day, walked to a dresser, took out his revolver and fired a bullet into his brain, causing death. Kaiser had taken his sweetheart to a theater Sunday. He has and no trouble, was not dependent nor ill, relatives told the Coroner.

### Big Fire At Grayson.

Grayson, Ky., Nov. 29.—Fire this morning, which originated in Z. T. Hall's store, destroyed the High School building, both local banks, the telephone exchange, Horton's drug store, Davis' hardware store, a meat market and Melvin's residence. The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000.